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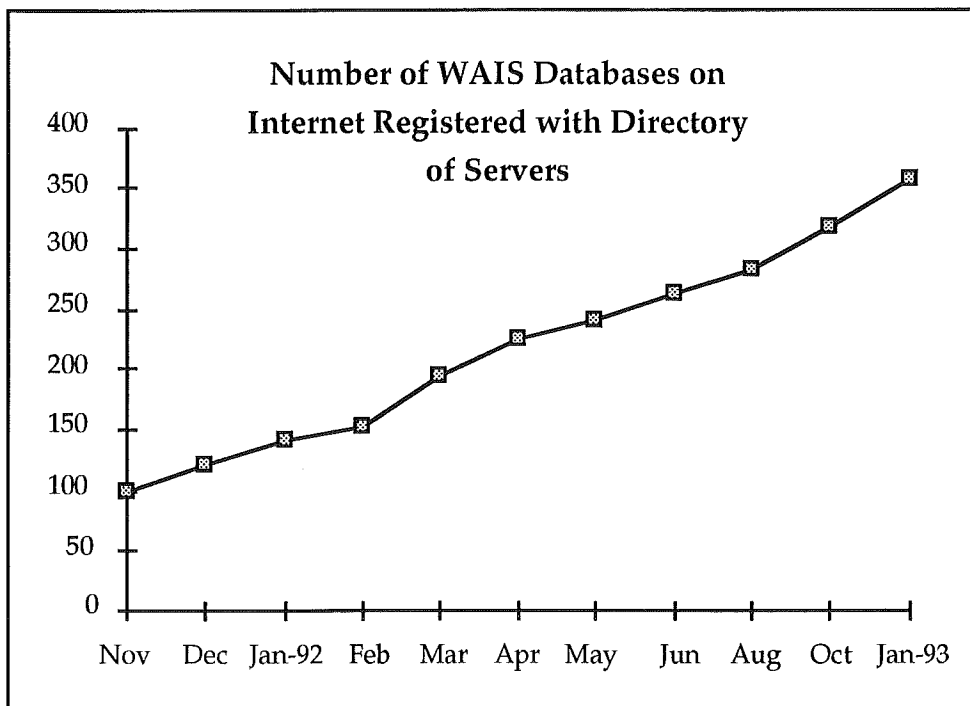
Company Overview

WAIS Inc. is dedicated to spreading the use of computers and networks for the distribution of information. Its founders are drawn from a consortium of Thinking Machines, Apple, Dow Jones, and Peat Marwick personnel that created the original Wide Area Information Servers (WAIS) specifications. With WAIS technology, users have access to personal, organizational, and published information from virtually any user environment.

Based in Menlo Park, California, WAIS Inc. offers an entire suite of electronic publishing software products, including high–performance Unix information servers and front ends for most popular operating systems. In addition, WAIS Inc. offers consulting, systems integration, and publishing services for customers wishing to establish WAIS–based systems or services.

Number of WAIS Databases on Internet Registered with Directory of Servers

Month	Number
Nov	100
Dec	120
Jan-92	140
Feb	150
Mar	195
Apr	225
May	240
Jun	260
Aug	280
Oct	320
Jan-93	355

WAIS customers and users

WAIS Inc. is uniquely positioned to assist government and commercial organizations who wish to serve networked communities.

On the international Internet, the number of publicly available WAIS services has grown dramatically since the first WAIS tools were released in the Spring of 1991, with over 350 information sources currently being served. Informal research indicates that WAIS usage is doubling every six months, with servers now active in 12 countries, and with over 20,000 users in 28 countries. Current WAIS Inc. projects include contracts and support for a significant number of government agencies, library systems, and information services, including:

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- Library of Congress
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- Rice University
- Perot Systems

By making commercial tools available on industry standard operating systems, WAIS Inc. has lowered the cost of providing state of the art electronic publishing services. Also, by supporting the development of so many independent publishing efforts, WAIS Inc. personnel have the experience required to streamline the process of bringing an electronic publishing system online in as short a time as possible.

The benefits of using WAIS Inc. technology

WAIS Inc. tools provide a cost effective platform for information access and distribution. Breakthroughs in workstation technology and network bandwidth allow servers to deliver information at a fraction of the cost of host–centric systems, paper, or fiche. The scalable nature of WAIS technology will yield dramatic new information services as networks deliver digital video, sound, and other rich data formats.

WAIS Inc. is propelled by the vision of wide area electronic publishing. By partnering and pioneering, WAIS Inc. sees as its mission the creation of an industry now in its infancy. This is computers serving people, and that is what WAIS Inc. is all about.

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